GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:701
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2002
PROCUREMENT OF PADDY
KAMBALAPADU E. KRISHNAMURTHY;PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI;RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of paddy procured by Food Corporation of India and other agencies fromfarmers during the last three years and till date, year-wise and State-wise particularly in Bihar;

(b) whether there is a decline in paddy procurement due to the prevailing drought situation;

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to meet this shortfall;

(d) whether the FCI has been directed to open more procurement centres in the States; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SH KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a),(b)&(c): A statement indicating the State-wise procurement of paddy by the FCI and State Agencies during KMS 1999-2000 to 2001-2002 and during 2002-03 (upto 14.11.2002) is annexed.

A quantity of 118.61 lakh tonnes of paddy has been procured upto 14.11.2002 in the current KMS 2002-03 as against 110.33 lakh tonnes procured during the corresponding period of last season. Procurement in Bihar during KMS 2002-03 is yet to commence due to the late paddy arrivals in the State.

(d)&(e): The FCI has been directed to open additional paddy procurement centers in various States including 60 new centers in Bihar and 20 in Orissa.

ANNEX

ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b)&(c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 701 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 22-11-2002 IN THE LOK SABHA.

STATEWISE PROCUREMENT OF PADDY BY FCI AND STATE AGENCIES FROM 1999-2000 TO 2002-2003.

(In `000 tonnes)

	1999-2000		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03 @	
STATE/ U.T.	FCI	State agencies	Total	FCI	State agencies	Total	FCI	State agencies	Total
Andhra Pradesh	56	374	430	74	230	303	1	-	1
Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-						
Assam	-	-	-						
Bihar	1	1	12	17	29	15	118	133	-
Chandigarh	17	17	24	24		-	-	-	
Chhatisgarh	524	524	1886	1886		-	-	-	
Delhi	-	-	-						
Gujarat	-	-	-						

Haryana 81 267 348 158 1204 1363 195 1381 1575 112 1399 1511
Himachal
Pradesh 1 1 Neg Neg. - - -
Jammu&
Kashmir - - -
Karnataka 1 1 Neg. Neg. - - -
Madhya
Pradesh 467 467 119 119 37 228 266 - - -
Mahara-
shtra Neg. Neg. 32 32 148 148 - 1 1
Orissa - - -
Pondi-
cherry - - -
Punjab 2416 5855 8270 2783 5846 8629 2387 7047 9434 2599 7705 10304
Rajas-
than 24 24 31 31 17 17 37 - 37
Tamil
Nadu 1372 1372 2530 2530 1272 1272 - - -
Uttar
Pradesh Neg. 62 62 540 540 895 895 - 7 7
Uttara-
nchal 63 63 39 39 - - -
West
Bengal - - -

Total: 2539 8023 10561 3065 11250 14316 2725 13244 15968 2749 9112 11861

@ - Position as on 14.11.2002